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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

MANAGING THE STATISTICAL...

## AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 1996 please amend the above identified application as follows:

## IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please and the Abstract of the Disclosure set out on a separate sheet submitted herewith.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-29 and substitute therefore the following new claims 30-48.

A method for supporting a plurality of virtual channel connections within a single virtual path in a digital communications network operating in the Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), where said virtual channel connections have no guarantees of rate at which cells on that connection can be transmitted, but also have no constraint on said rate save that inherent on said virtual path connection, said method comprising the steps of:

storing cells arriving for transmission on said virtual path in a buffer for transmission of cells on said virtual path in

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